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| Keiichi ONODERA et al. |) | Confirmation No.: 9524 |
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| RECORDING METHOD |) | |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, this IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner U.S. Application No. 11/101,560, filed April 8, 2005 (Attorney Docket No. 041514-5116-02), which is a continuation of the instant application no. 09/817,895.

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner a Double Patenting rejection that issued in the above-mentioned U.S. Application No. 11/101,560 in an Office Action dated February 2, 2006. A copy of the February 2, 2006 Office Action including this Double Patenting rejection is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are two U.S. patents that were cited by the Examiner in the February 2, 2006 Office Action.

While the attached February 2, 2006 Office Action additionally cites to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0107959, that publication is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an IDS in the instant 09/817,895 application on February 1, 2006.

Similarly, while the attached February 2, 2006 Office Action additionally cites to U.S. Patent No. 6,754,158, that patent is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Office Action dated June 1, 2005 in the instant 09/817,895 application.

In addition, while the attached February 2, 2006 Office Action additionally cites to U.S. Patent No. 6,556,234, that patent is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Office Action dated June 1, 2005 in the instant 09/817,895 application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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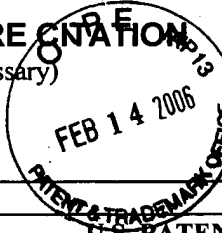
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